the Central Department of Tourism are important from the tourism promotion angle.

Aviation security in domestic and international sectors

3053. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning to develop a force for aviation security in the domestic and international sectors;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is a proposal to appoint B.S.F. personnel in place of state police for the Air India and Indian Airlines;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the number of staff members employed for security purposes in various organisations at Bombay, Calcutta, Madras, Ahmedabad and Trivandrum International Airports, as on date?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A proposal to set up Aviation Security Force is under consideration of the Government.

(c) and (d) At present there is no such proposal.

(e) Information is being collected and would be laid before the House.

Operation of Air-taxis by Singapore Airlines in India

3054. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Singapore Airlines has planned to operate air taxis in India, with the collaboration of Indian entrepreneurs; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) There is no such proposal before the Government.

(b) Does not aries.

Foreign investment by the Airlines

3055. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that various airlines in India have been allowed to invest in carrying out their operation abroad; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government would allow Indian Airlines and operators in the Private Sector to invest in their operations abroad; if so, what are the policy guidelines for investment abroad; and

(c) what are the foreign exchange earnings and expenditure figures of Air India and the Indian Airlines during 1990-91, 1991-92 and 1992-93 and projections for 1993-94 and 1994-95?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Air Taxi operators can operate domestic air services only. Indian Airlines is permitted to invest abroad for upgradation of the facilitation services.